

Remarks

Amendments to the Claims

Claims 1-38 were pending in this application. Claims 1-18, 24, 26-28 are cancelled herein as drawn to non-elected Groups. Applicants expressly reserve the right to pursue protection of any or all of the cancelled claims in a subsequent application.

No new matter is introduced by these amendments. After entry of this amendment, **claims 19-23, 25, and 29-38 are pending in the application.**

Response to Restriction Requirement

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants elect Examiner's Group II (drawn to purified protein having US2 activity and methods of using the same, claims 19-23, 25, and 29-38) without traverse.

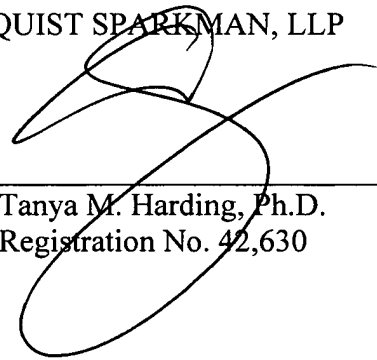
Conclusion

Examiner Wehbe is invited to telephone the undersigned if any questions remain concerning the requirement for restriction, or the amendments made herein. Otherwise, the present application is ready for substantive examination, and such action is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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